

ROOSEVELT DISMISSES VAN WYCK CHARGES!

\$200,000 CRASH IN WALL STREET

Offices of C. B. Lawrence
& Co. Besieged by
Victims.

ASSIGNED TO BOOKKEEPER.

Women Who Were Caught
in the Failure Fall in
Hysterics.

The firm of Chester B. Lawrence & Co., brokers at 32 Broadway, which has five branches in this city, and the majority of whose customers are women, failed today.

A general assignment was made to George H. Wolbert, the bookkeeper of the concern, but this move will be offset when Benjamin F. Foster, attorney for three customers, makes application to the United States District Court to have the firm declared bankrupt. If granted this will wipe out the assignment and the United States Court will name a trustee.

The preliminary step was taken this afternoon when Mr. Wolbert, the bookkeeper of the concern, was ordered to appear before the United States District Court, to answer the complaint of Miss Frank in the City Court.

Mr. Foster said this afternoon that he had an interview with Mr. Zaring, attorney for the firm, who admitted that Lawrence & Co. took in money all day yesterday and that this act constituted a "breach of fiduciary relations."

It is believed the firm owes its customers \$200,000 or more.

The majority of the customers were women, attracted by cleverly written advertisements which were spread broadcast. In this city, besides the lower Broadway office, Lawrence had five branches at 621 Broadway, 20 West Twenty-third street, 127 Broadway, 130 Broadway and 600 Madison avenue.

Women in Hysterics.

All of these places were filled with agitated women this morning when the failure was announced at the main office and wired to all the branches. Some of them wept. Some laughed hysterically, but all talked excitedly together.

The crash was precipitated by one of the women customers, who could not get an accounting for \$5,000 entrusted to the firm, and had Lawrence and Edward B. Underhill, Jr., the real head of the concern, summoned to appear before Magistrate Zeller tomorrow to show cause why a warrant should not be issued for their arrest.

This news caused the offices to be besieged this morning by anxious women—the easy resorts where they used to sit and talk millions, sipping sherry and whiskey and eating dainty sandwiches. The refreshments were free, and some of the customers, now realizing to their sorrow that the luncheons were the only thing to their gain.

It was 10:10 o'clock in the office at 32 Broadway when Underhill rose and motioned for attention. He announced the assignment of the firm in a cool, businesslike way, as though he were calling off profits.

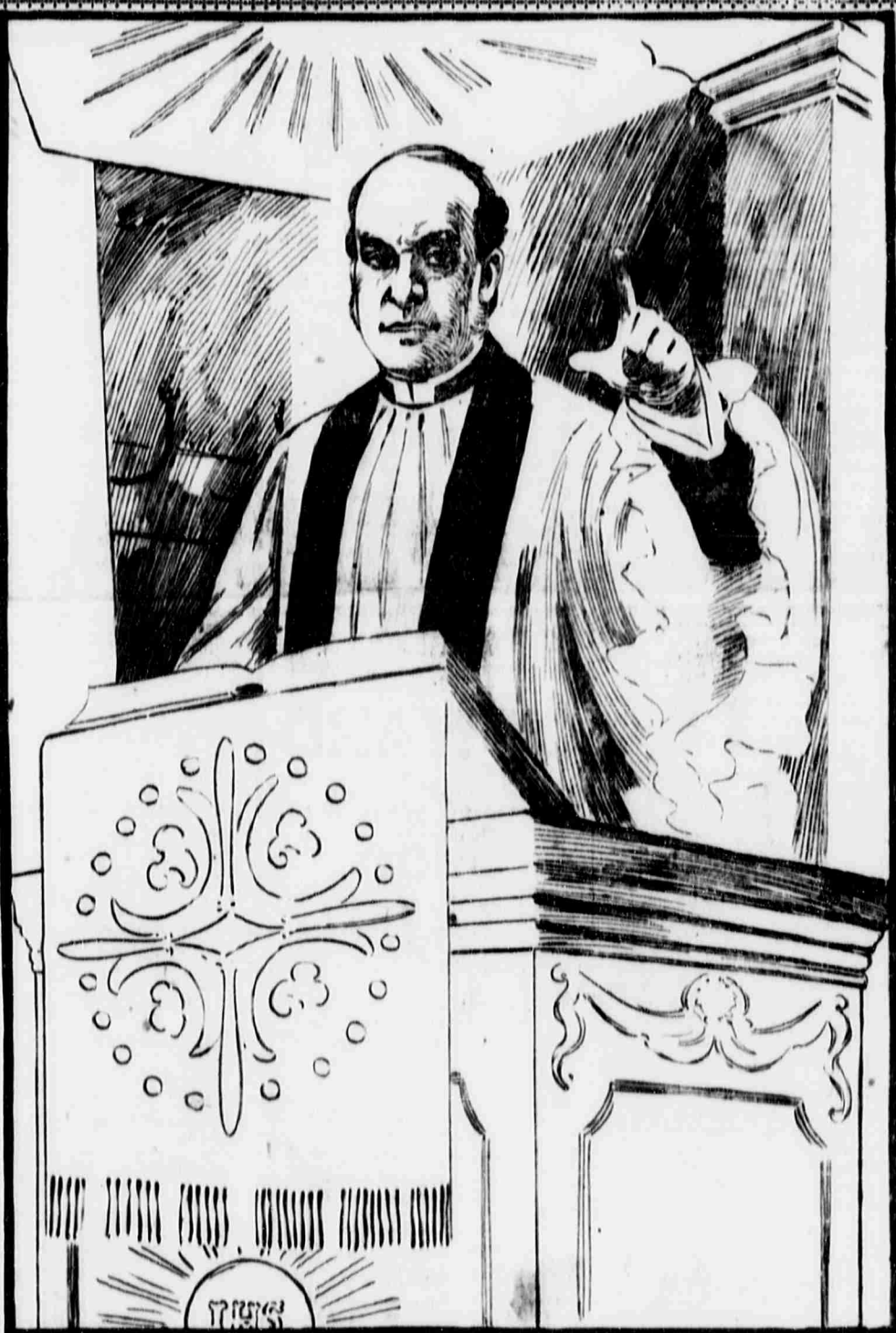
He said a general assignment had been made to George H. Wolbert. No statement of the assets or liabilities could be made at this time, but he would say that the assignment had been made for the benefit of the firm's creditors.

There were many women in the offices, several of whom were hysterical. All were handsomely dressed. Some of the women were very old, but as much interested as the younger ones. One woman sobbed hysterically when she learned of the failure, but was quiet under the soothing words of Manager Underhill. She wanted to know whether or not she could sell some stock and come out anywhere near even.

In Consolidated Exchange circles Mr.

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Notice the "columns" in most important cases how under clear Wall Street's lady's face



BISHOP POTTER SPEAKING.

TAMMANY IN ANTI-VICE TALK.

Second "Public" Hearing of Croker's Committee.

Mr. Croker's Tammany Anti-Vice Committee held its second "public" hearing at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the rooms engaged by Chairman Nixon, on the fourth floor of the Germania Bank Building, 192 Bowery, corner of Spring street.

All five committees were present. The rooms were only half filled, with tables and chairs thrown into them hastily.

Chairman Nixon and Mr. Platzek, the two committees who look upon their mission seriously, were on hand long before the hour. Each had a bunch of letters and each had a long list, presumably of denials of vice, for on reading the letters each added to his list, though neither would tell what it was all about.

Mr. Nixon said he had received a letter from Bishop Potter, but he would not give it to the press.

Then Committeesmen Nixon, Keller, Platzek, Clausen and Murphy went into executive session and held a very long confab behind closed doors.

It will be remembered Mr. Croker's

parting order was that all meetings of the committee shall be open to the press and public.

After the executive session, Chairman Nixon read a note from Bishop Potter, dated at the Diocesan House, Nov. 14, which simply said that the committee had addressed to him "had been referred to those to whom it was of direct concern."

Chairman Nixon concluded by appointing himself and M. W. Platzek a committee to confer with the police on the suppression of vice, a long list of which was presented.

AMERICAN POLICY BEST.

England to Act with Us in Chinese Settlement.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Lord Lansdowne, the new Secretary for Foreign Affairs, is developing a plan to treat with the concern of European powers in China, and follow the policy of the United States in the Chinese settlement.

Lord Lansdowne is convinced that the American idea of moderation for the suppression of vice, a long list of which was presented.

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GOVERNOR DECLINES TO ACT IN ICE TRUST CASE.

ALBANY, Nov. 22.—Gov. Roosevelt late this afternoon dismissed the charges made by The World against Mayor Van Wyck in connection with his holding stock in the Ice Trust.

TWENTY FAMILIES ROUTED BY FIRE.

The women's wrapper factory of Samuel Epstein in the basement of the five-story tenement at 101 Allen street and the children's clothing shop of Charles Kreska, which is just above, were burned out this afternoon. The loss is \$1,500. Twenty families were routed out.

TWO ARRESTS MADE IN LAWRENCE FAILURE.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon B. B. Underhill, Jr., and C. B. Lawrence, members of the firm of Chester B. Lawrence & Co., of 32 Broadway, were placed under arrest by five detectives from Headquarters. They were Detective-Sergeants Bernard McConville, Robert McNott, Phil Waller, John Taylor and Jerry Murphy. When they arrived they were told that Lawrence was not in the office. After waiting two hours they went into the private rooms of the firm and found him.

Lawrence and Underhill were taken to Headquarters. Accompanying them was George H. Wolbert, the bookkeeper, Charles W. Zaring, of 20 Broadway, the attorney for the firm, was sent for, and he went along, too.

WINNERS AT NEWPORT.

FIFTH RACE—Winner 1, Upp 2, Albert Vale 3.
SIXTH RACE—Gold Lack 1, Louisville Belle 2, Lord Fraser 3.

OLD WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Emma Brown, seventy years old, of 204 Johnson avenue, Brooklyn, while picking up a tin can on the street near her home this afternoon was burned to death by her clothes catching from a bonfire.

140 CAUGHT IN BIG POOL-ROOM RAID.

Capt. Titus Surprised Many in
Wissig's Grand Street Gambling Resort.

Capt. Titus, the new commander of the Kidder Street station, who has begun a vigorous campaign against the resorts in his precinct, showed that he was acting along the lines of his declaration that "police exist to influence" when he raided the pool room said to be run by ex-Assistant District Attorney W. M. R. O'Leary.

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POTTER ASKS FOR 25,000 VIGILANTES.

Bishop Says Citizens Should
Organize a Great Army
of Purification.

Bishop Henry C. Potter this afternoon startled an audience of some 2,500 persons by his suggestion of a plan to cleanse the city of vice.

His idea seemed to be to have a central committee of three or five men, under whose orders a huge vigilance committee of 25,000 reformers would act.

The Bishop made an address in St. Paul's chapel, corner of Broadway and Vesey streets, on "God and the City." Many thousands of people were turned away from the doors.

POTTER'S ADDRESS IN FULL.

In a modest house in London, a few years ago, there were gathered about the dinner table some half a dozen gentlemen who largely represented the interests of Oriental scholarship. They were engaged, among other things, in discussing the identification of modern progress and archaeologists of the sites of ancient classic, historic and sacred places, and among the critics of the records of antiquity who were present was one who quoted a very striking testimony borne by the then Bishop of Jerusalem, Dr. Giddens, as to the extreme difficulty of fixing the precise spot in Jerusalem on which Christ was crucified, or the precise spot where his body was laid after his crucifixion, or the precise spots in connection with which were associated the interests of his presence.

The speaker went on to say that that eminent scholar had pointed out that the value of such uncertainty consisted in the fact that it discouraged an undue reliance on merely material things and places, and was in the spirit of that divine arrest which Christ inaugurated when he said to the woman at the well: "Neither in this place, nor in Jerusalem, do men worship the Father, but in spirit and in truth, which is the worship of Him in spirit and in truth."

What Giddens said.

Immediately opposite to me at the table when these words were spoken out perhaps the greatest, certainly the most interesting, figure in the history of modern England, a great statesman, but pre-eminently a man of devout and cultivated and most direct and serious spirituality.

Yes," said Mr. Gladstone, when the speaker had concluded, "all that I can easily conceive to be true, but there is one point of view that I fancy no one who has ever seen it will forget, which must bring back to any modern mind a vision which in its substance was looked upon by Jesus himself. Have you made your way to Jerusalem? Do you remember how when you turned the shoulder of the hill behind which the home of Mary and Martha and Lazarus lies, you came out upon the plateau at the foot of which lies the Holy City, the vision of its vastness, its august dignity breaks upon you? And did it ever occur to you to remember that it must have been

Just precisely in the same way that Jesus saw it on the morning when He, having left the home of Martha and Mary and Lazarus and taken His way to the Temple, having been greeted as you remember by those who shouted "Hosannah," and spread palm branches in His way. He looked down upon the Holy City and was smitten with that profoundness of emotion, which expressed itself in the most pathetic words anywhere recorded, when He wept over the city, saying, "If thou hadst known the things that belong to thy peace, but now they are hidden from mine eyes."

What Christ would see here.

Yet what Christ looked down upon that morning is what you and I would look down upon if we went to see great heights and looked down upon New York today. He saw great structures, he saw an organized civilization for its time of a very high quality. He saw men and women going about their business in the streets. He saw the Roman soldiers on the street corners, the guardhouse of a so-called peace which made the rottenness appalling. He saw the chief priests and authorities extending their luxurious greeting with these and others, and He saw beneath it all that what one could not see with the eyes of flesh, the homes of men, the secret shame and infamy of men, the cruelties of power, the brutalities of organized injustice, the monstrous passions and hatred of men expressing themselves a powerfully than as in any pagan era in all the world.

Well, men and brethren, the significant thing in this story here is that it is a theme, as we are told, that made Him weak when He beheld the city. It was not merely any license of passion which brought him to those tears when He thought of the wrongs and cruelties that must be perpetrated in that great city. As He looked down upon all that various life and remembered what it stood for and how it came to be, what evils were sheltered in the name of the law, what monstrosities were protected by the armed troops of the foreigners who ruled them, it was not all this that stirred Him to that burst of sorrow, that brought the tears—unshed tears—to those divine eyes: "If thou hadst known in this thy day the things that belong to thy peace, but now they are hidden from mine eyes."

In other words, men and brethren, Christ wept on that morning when He looked down upon its splendor and its shame, not because of its splendor, but because of that moral apathy, because of that appalling spiritual insensibility, of that appalling spiritual insensibility.

General change of time on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

On Sunday next, Nov. 25th, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will make its usual general change of time for the winter season. A number of changes to local trains will be made.